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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As a consumer I should have the ability to choose which supplier I prefer to do business with. For my own reasons I have chosen a local company that supplies telephone service on AT&T's "now-unsupported" copper lines, and fibre internet on glass which is also leased. My choices help sustain a local business, and employ my neighbors and keep my dollars working in my community.

I support broadband competition in the strongest terms, and urge you to retain this critical piece of the free-market economy, which is based upon competitive providers.

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